GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DEFINITION OF FOOD IN PFA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the definition of Food in the PFA specifically excludes Drugs and Water;

(b) the legal implication of the specific exclusion of water from the definition of Food in the PFA;

(c) whether the Rules made under PFA in relation to bottled water are without the authority of statute;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) It is only plain water which is excluded from the definition of food but not the processed or Packaged Drinking Water or Natural Mineral Water. Both Mineral Water and Packaged DrinkingWater have been categorized as food by Codex Alimentarius Commission.